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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**:

Please insert the following paragraph after the title of the invention on page 1 of the specification:

--This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/617,874, filed on May 21, 1996, which is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/CA94/00530, filed on September 21, 1994, which International Application was published by the International Bureau in English on March 30, 1995. This